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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the previous abstract with the following new abstract:

A first element is connected to a first end of the a connecting piece and a second element is connected to a second end of the connecting piece. At least one end of the connecting piece is provided with a thread, whereby the connecting piece is connectable ~~for instance~~ to a pipe or fitting with a threaded connection. The connecting piece ~~may be~~ is made of plastic in such a way that a metal insert provided with a thread is arranged at at least one end of the plastic body of the connecting piece, or the connecting piece ~~may be~~ is made substantially completely of thermoplast in such a way that the thermoplastic body is provided with a thread. The outer surface of the connecting piece is provided with a gripping member. The gripping member is formed and dimensioned such that it gives way earlier than the connecting member thread and/or basic structure.